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BOARD SPOTLIGHT

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Greetings Iowa State Police Association (ISPA) members. As a new member on the ISPA Board, let me take a minute and tell you a little about myself.

I have been in law enforcement for 13-½ years. I worked in two smaller police departments prior to starting with the Fort Dodge Police Department in 2006. I have worked in many different capacities at the Fort Dodge Police Department, including patrol and the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). I worked as a narcotics detective for the Webster County Drug Task Force, then as a general crime detective. Recently, I was promoted to sergeant, where I will be assigned to our CID to oversee the day-to-day activities of four other detectives. I was elected president of our

local police association (Local 8) three years ago and also serve as the chief steward and bargaining team member for our union.

I have been married to my wife Tammy for 11 years, and we have three children — Cody, Connor and Claryssa. In my free time, I enjoy coaching our kids' sports teams, golfing and spending time with my family.

The first ISPA conference I attended was in Sioux City in 2007, where I experienced two big things. The first was getting to meet a lot of really great people, and the second was realizing that I wanted to serve on the ISPA board at some point in my career.

Over the years, I have had many conversations at conferences with current and past board members about serving on the board. The more I discussed joining the board, the more I realized the only thing standing in the way from obtaining this goal was me. After discussing the opportunity with my wife and administration, I decided to run, and was successfully appointed to serve on the ISPA Board.

I am extremely excited to serve and represent the Iowa State Police Association to the best of my abilities. I am ready to take on the challenges of being a board member and look forward to the next eight years on the board and many years to follow.

Take care and stay safe.